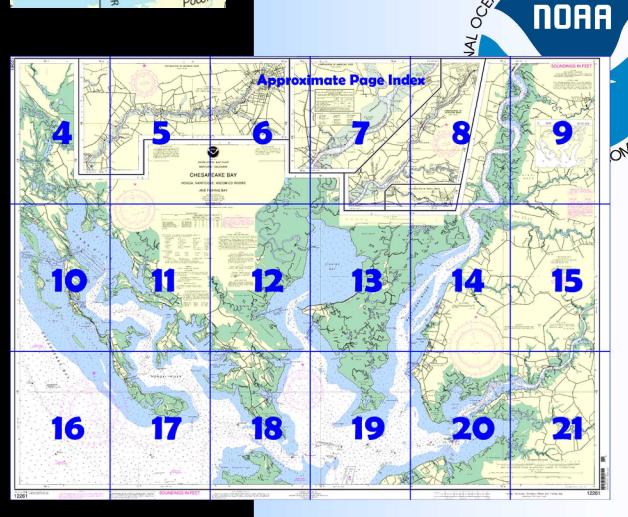
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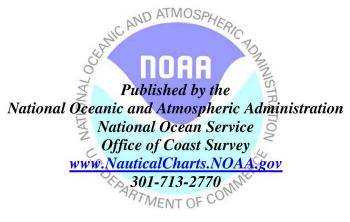
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[Coast Pilot 3, Chapter 14 excerpts]

- (107) Strong tidal currents set across the main channel off Monie Bay; the velocity is 0.6 knot on the flood and 0.9 knot on the ebb.
- (108) Monie Bay depths of 4 feet to the head.
- (109) **Webster Cove** is entered by a marked channel which leads to a public wharf; the depth was 4½ feet.
- (110) **Whitehaven** has some supplies. The docks are in poor condition.
- (111) A cable ferry crosses the river at Whitehaven. The crossing is unmarked.

Caution should be exercised while navigating in the area. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**

(112) **Wicomico Creek**. The marked entrance channel has a depth of 4 feet with deeper water inside. A yacht club has gasoline and diesel fuel. A marina 2.3 miles above the entrance has gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, and marine supplies.

- (114) A cable ferry crosses the Wicomico River at **Upper Ferry**. The cable is suspended at or near the water's surface at all times during daylight hours. The signal for lowering the cable is one blast on the whistle by a transiting vessel. Caution should be exercised when navigating in the area. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**
- (117) Wicomico River forks at the city; the **North Prong** had a depth of 7½ feet or 10 feet at midchannel to the fixed bridge 0.4 mile upstream **South Prong** is rarely used. The Main Street bridge and the U.S. 50 bridge over the entrance to North Prong have a clearance of 1 foot. The bridgetenders monitor VHF-FM channel 16 and work on channels 13 and 68; call signs KZA-869 and KYU-697, respectively.
- (126) A depth of 10.1 feet can be carried to Sharptown; the midchannel depth was 5.6 feet to the highway bridge at Seaford. From the mouth to Wetipquin Creek, the river is obstructed by shoals. The deepest water is usually near the points rather than in the bends.
- (127) The current velocity is 1.2 knots in the entrance.
- (128) **Nanticoke**. A channel, marked by a bouy and lights, leads to a small harbor, protected by jetties; the depth was 2.0 feet in the channel and 6.2 feet in the basin.
- (129) **Bivalve**. A marked dredged channel leads to a boat basin northeast of the village. The basin is protected by jetties that are awash at high water; the depths were 3 feet at midchannel in the entrance channel and 5 feet in the basin, with shoaling to bare along the southern limits of the channel. Gasoline, diesel fuel, berths, and marine supplies are available.
- (130) **Wetipquin Creek** is entered through an unmarked channel to the wharf at **Tyaskin**; the depth was 4 feet in the channel and alongside the wharf. A surfaced launching ramp is available.
- (131) **Vienna** has a public bulkhead wharf. A launching ramp is below the bridge. Gasoline and supplies can be obtained.
- (133) **Marshyhope Creek** has depths of 5 feet to the Harrison Ferry bridge above which the creek is obstructed by snags and debris.
- (136) **Broad Creek** has a depth of 5 feet to Laurel. Daybeacons and buoys mark the channel. two drawbridges and a fixed bridge have a clearance of 2 feet.
- (137) The cable ferry over Nanticoke River at **Woodland** operates during daylight hours. The cable is suspended at or near the water surface during ferry crossings and dropped when loading or unloading cars. Caution should be exercised. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.**
- (140) The bridge at Mile 34.7 has a clearance of 3 feet. Depths of 7 feet extend 1.5 miles above. Gasoline, diesel fuel, and some supplies are available in the town.
- (141) **Fishing Bay**. The marked channel in Fishing Bay has depths of 9 feet for 2 miles; 13 to 30 feet for 4 miles, and 4 to 3 feet to the head.
- (142) **Tedious Creek** has depths of 4 feet for 0.5 mile from the mouth, then for 0.7 mile shoals to 1 foot at the head. The entrance is marked by a light. The cove at **Crocheron** has a county wharf and ramp.
- (143) **McCreadys Creek** has a marked channel which had a depth of 4 feet with 3 feet in the east half at the head. Gasoline and supplies are available at **Elliott**.
- (144) **Farm Creek** has a marked dredged channel which had a depth of 4½ feet to just below the head; 1 to 6 feet off the piers at the head. (146) The southern and main entrance to Honga River is between Hooper Strait Light and Honga River Light. The channel has depths of 13 to 55 feet as far as **Wroten Island**; 8 feet to the improved channel leading to Fishing Creek. Depths north of the Fishing Creek channel are 4 to 5 feet, shoaling to 2 feet at the head.
- (147) **Fox Creek**. A light marks the east side of the entrance, and a daybeacon marks the point of a shoal that extends southeast from **Paul Point**. The creek has depths of 8 feet to a line from Paul Point to **Wingate Point** then shoals to 1 foot.
- (148) **Duck Point Cove** has depths of 1 to 5 feet; the marked dredged channel into **Hearns Cove** had depths of 4 feet in the east half with shoaling to 1 foot in the west half, thence 6 feet in the basin at **Wingate.**

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Table of Selected Chart Notes

CAUTION

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus:

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HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 38° 20' North American Datum of 1983. (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

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During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAM Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

162.475 MHz 162.40 MHz 162.55 MHz Salisbury, MD Heathsville, VA KEC-92 WXM-57 Lewes, DE WXJ-94

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS

During the boating season small-craft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which Is norm American Jacum or 1983 (NAD 83), which for charling purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.424 northward and 1.239° eastward to agree with this chart.

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Cable Area

submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-marine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipellines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted house.

Cable across the river may be at or near the water surface. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this

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th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the
Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in
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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

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AUTHORITIES

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CAUTION

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Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus:
Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charling. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

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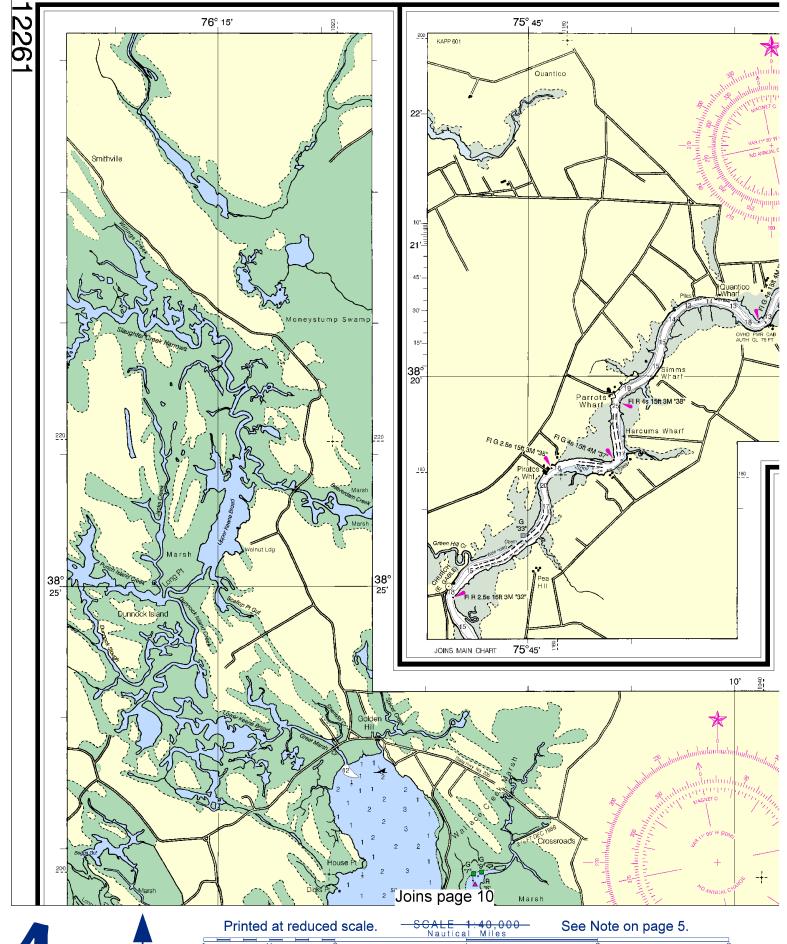
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.21, Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.								
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.								

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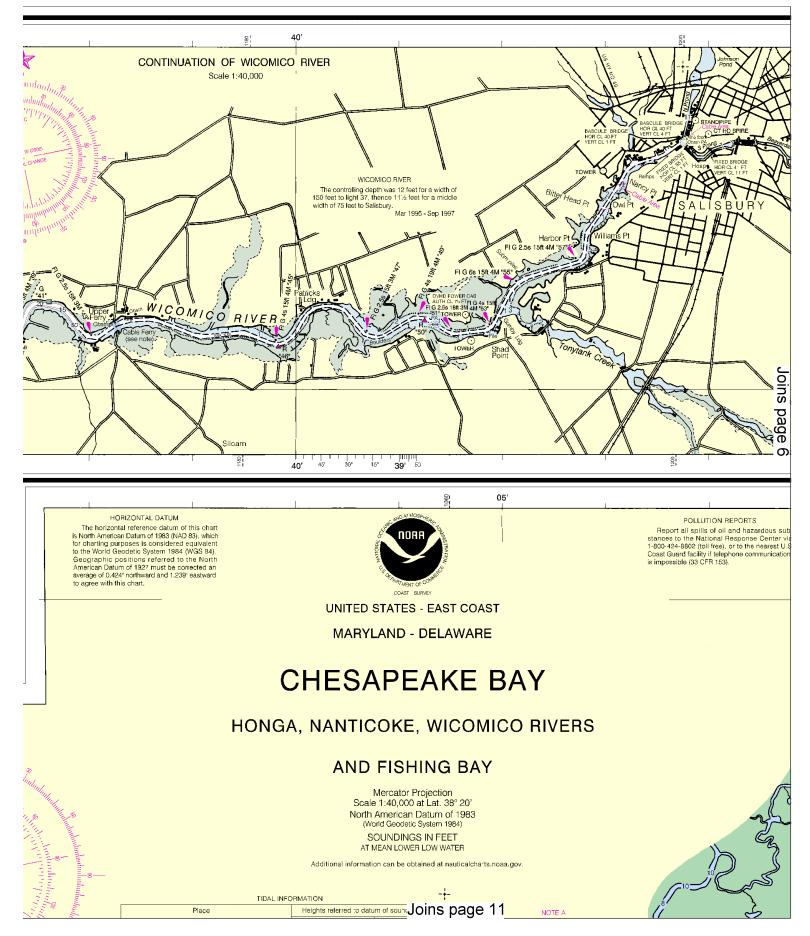
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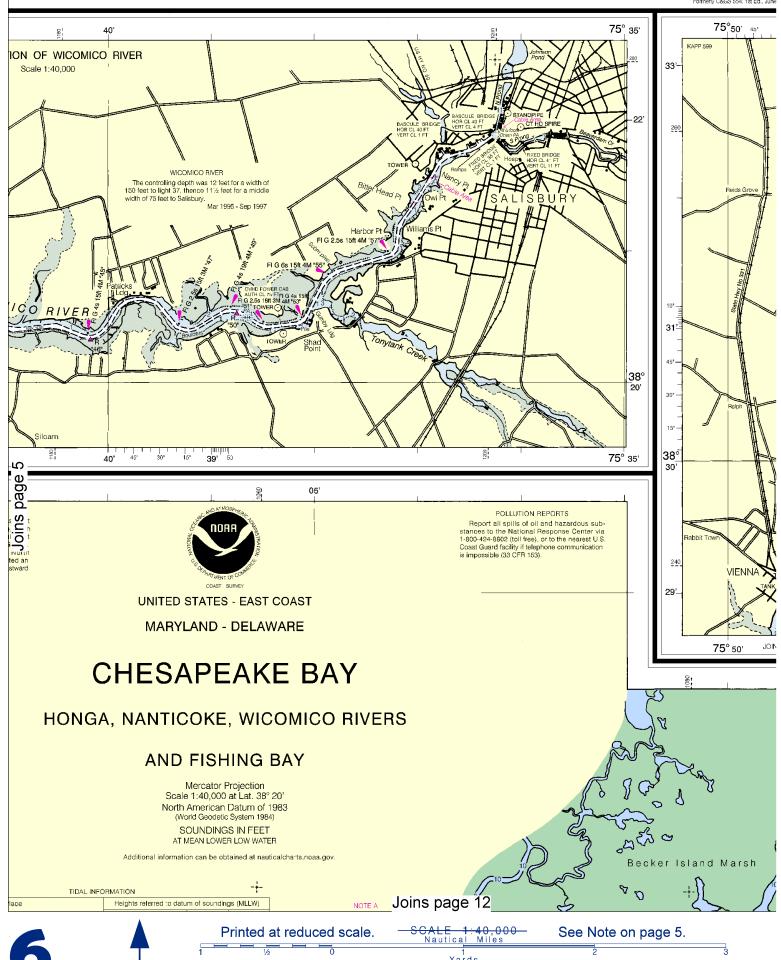






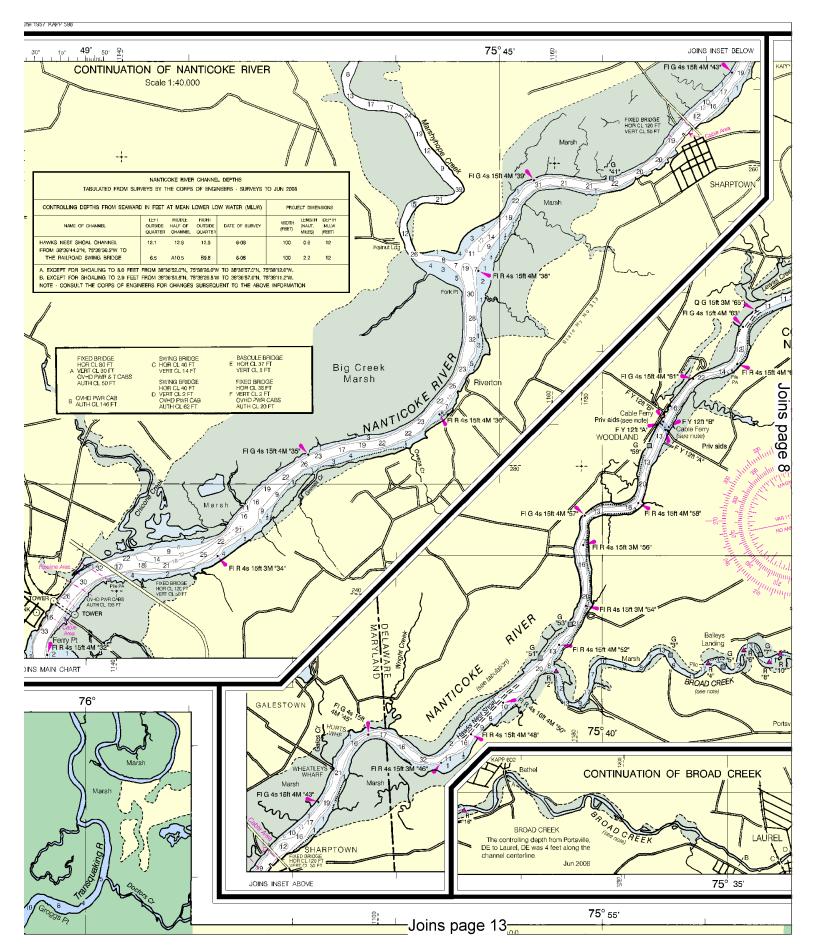


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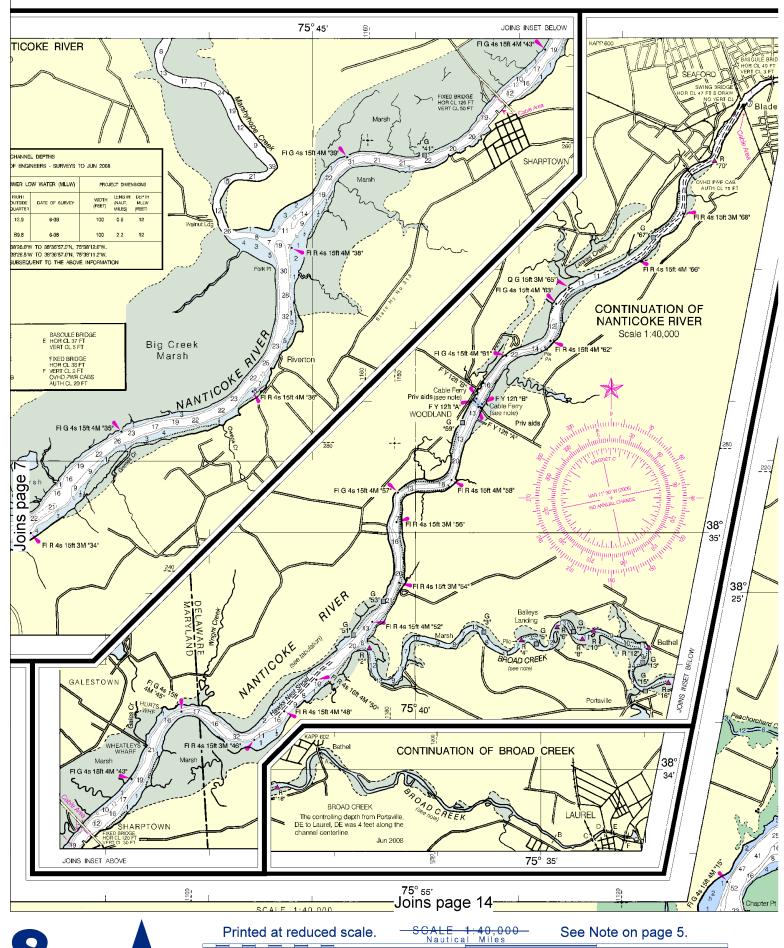






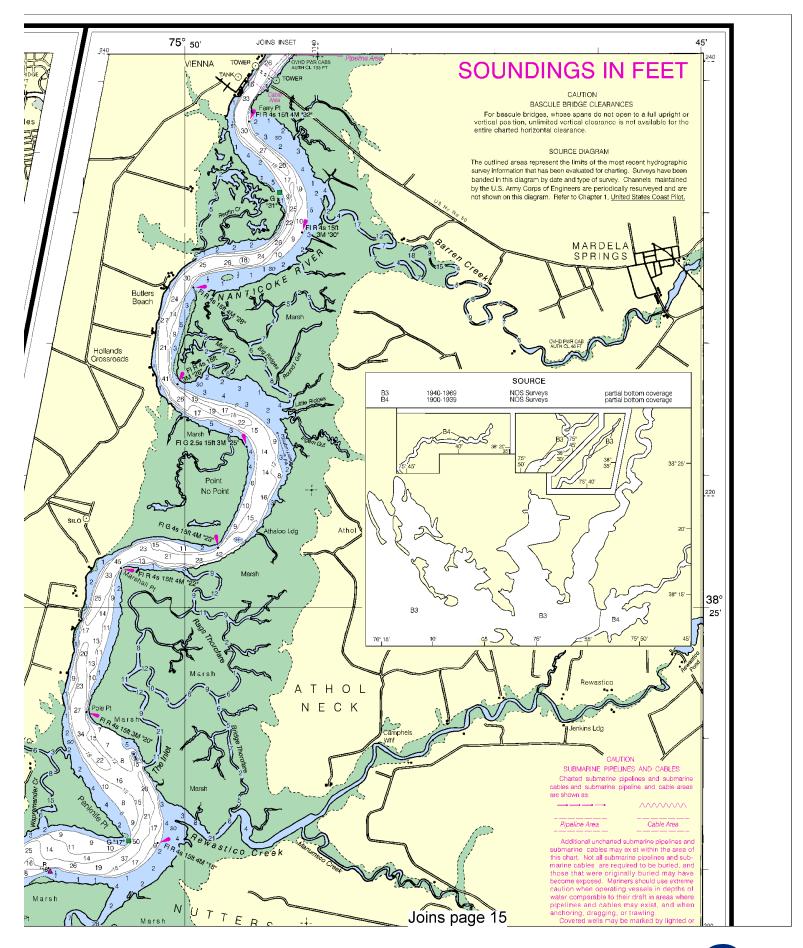


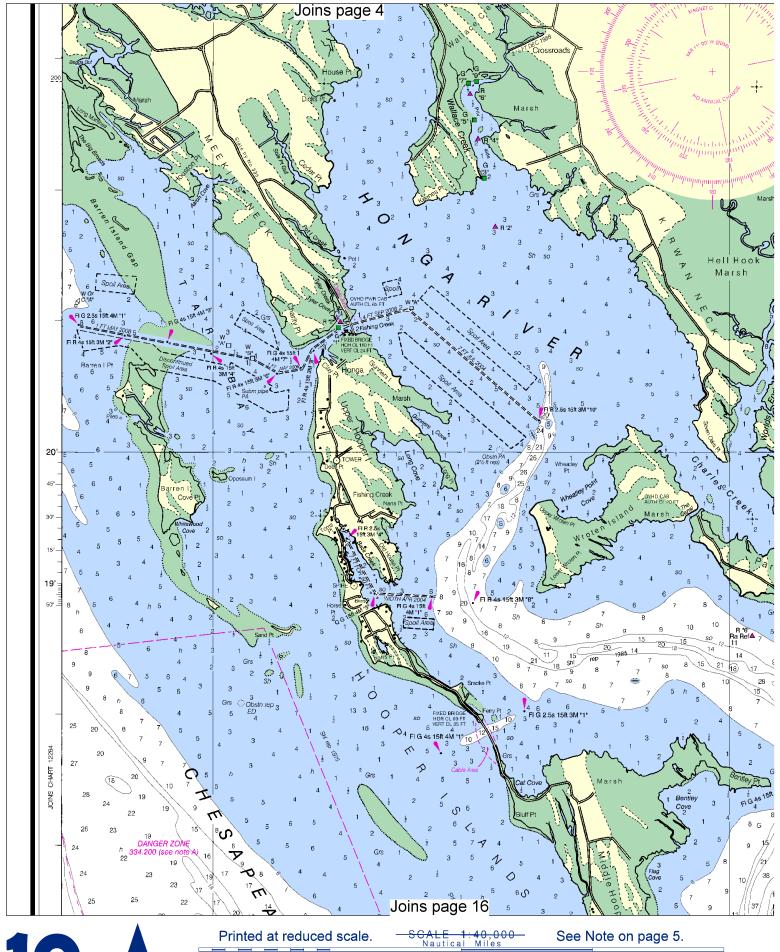




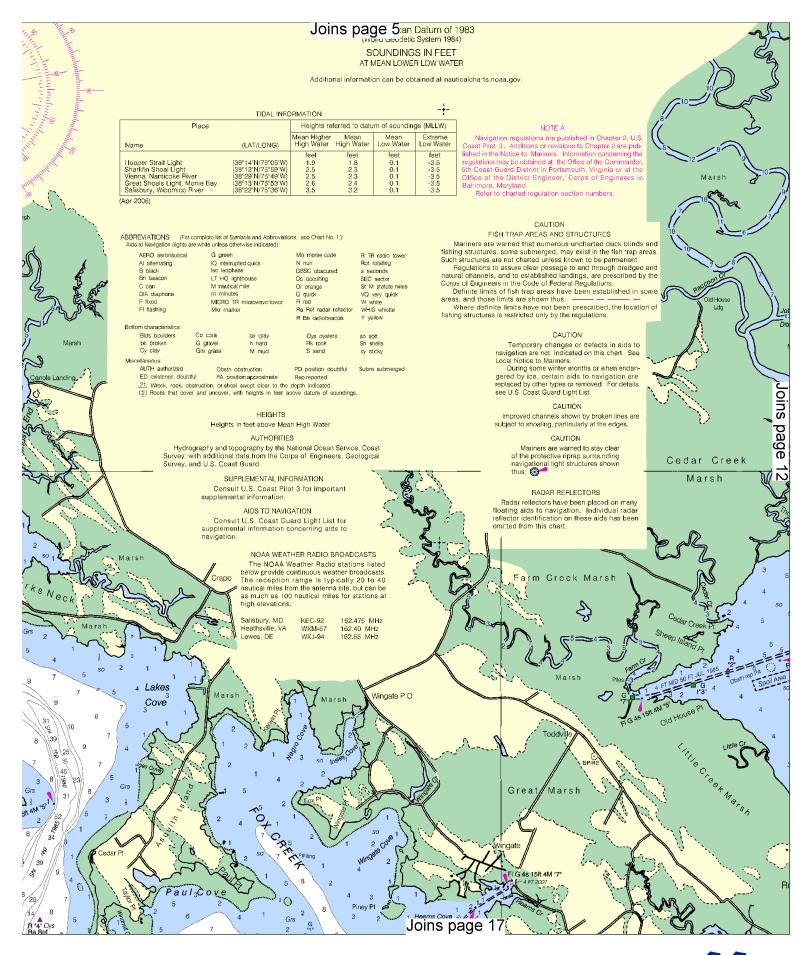


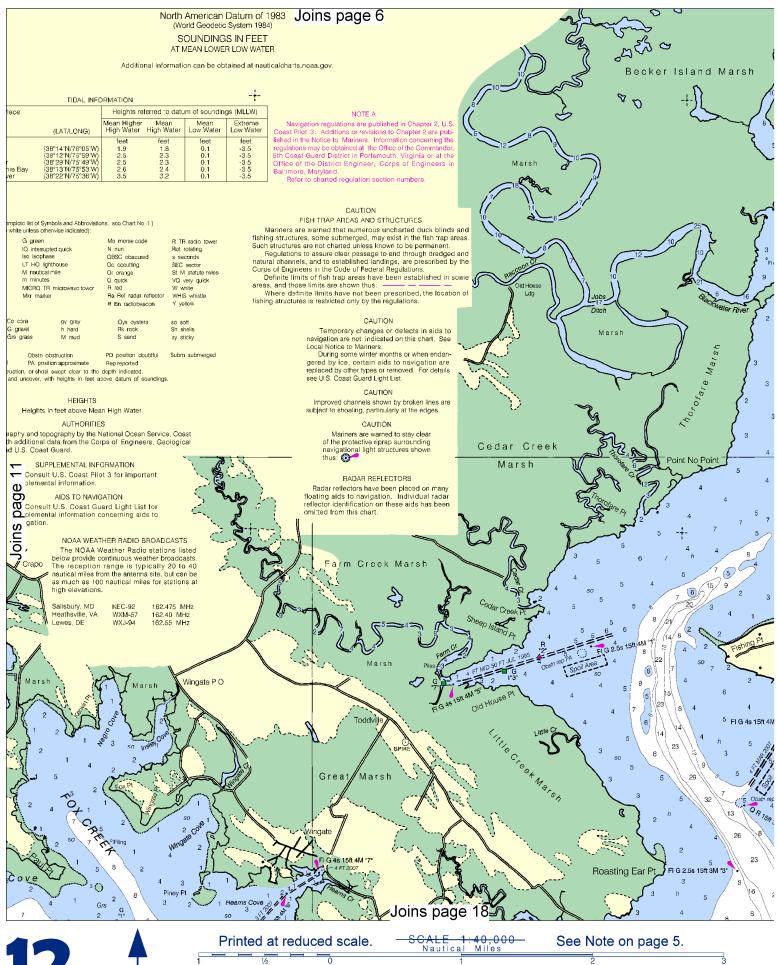






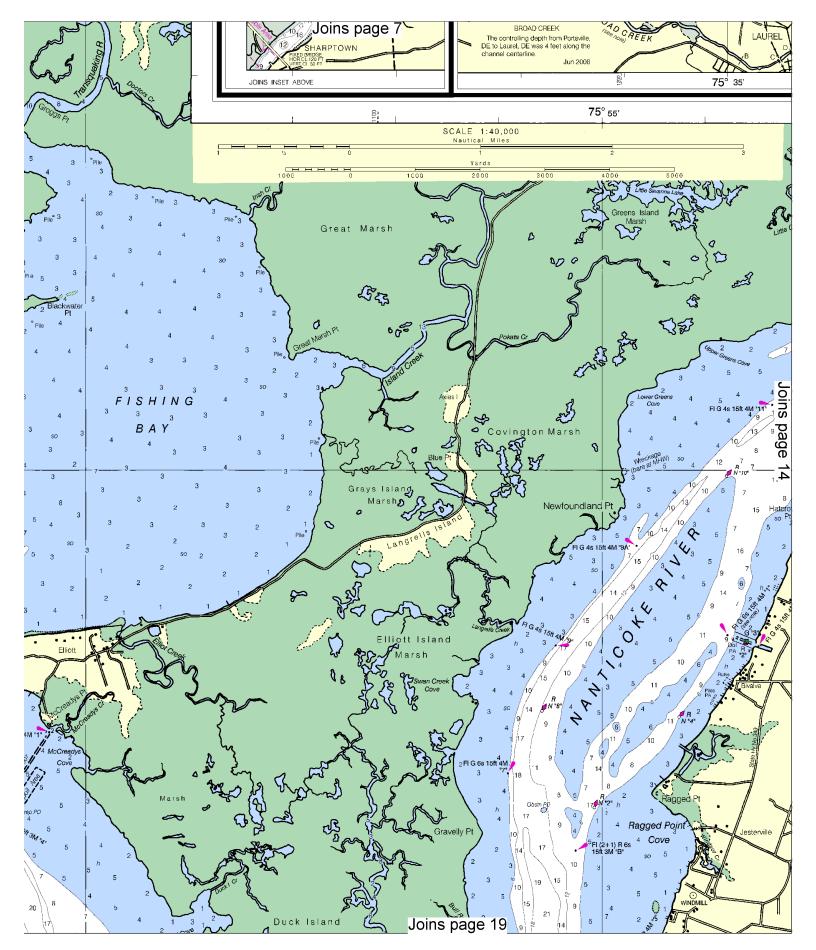


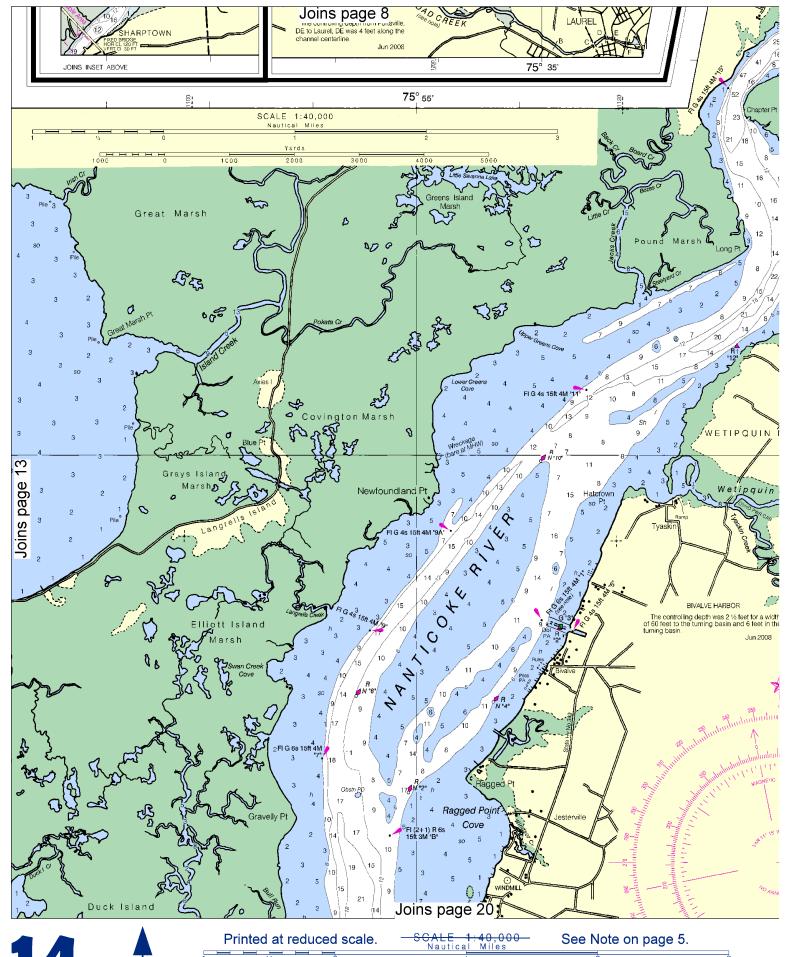




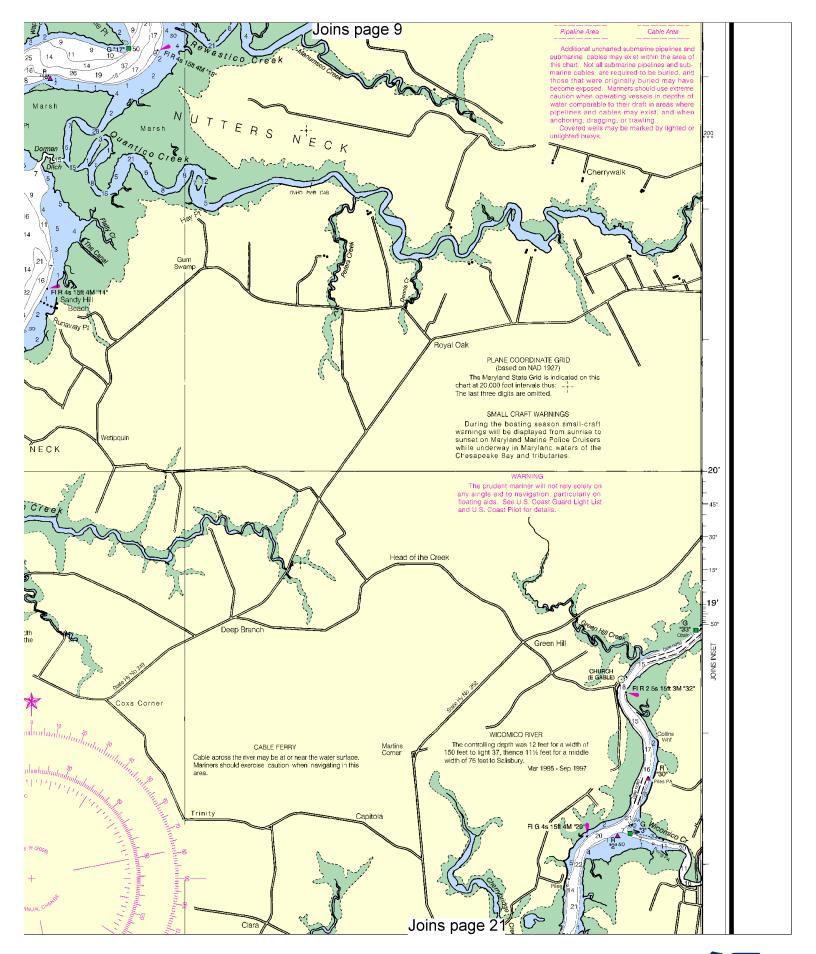


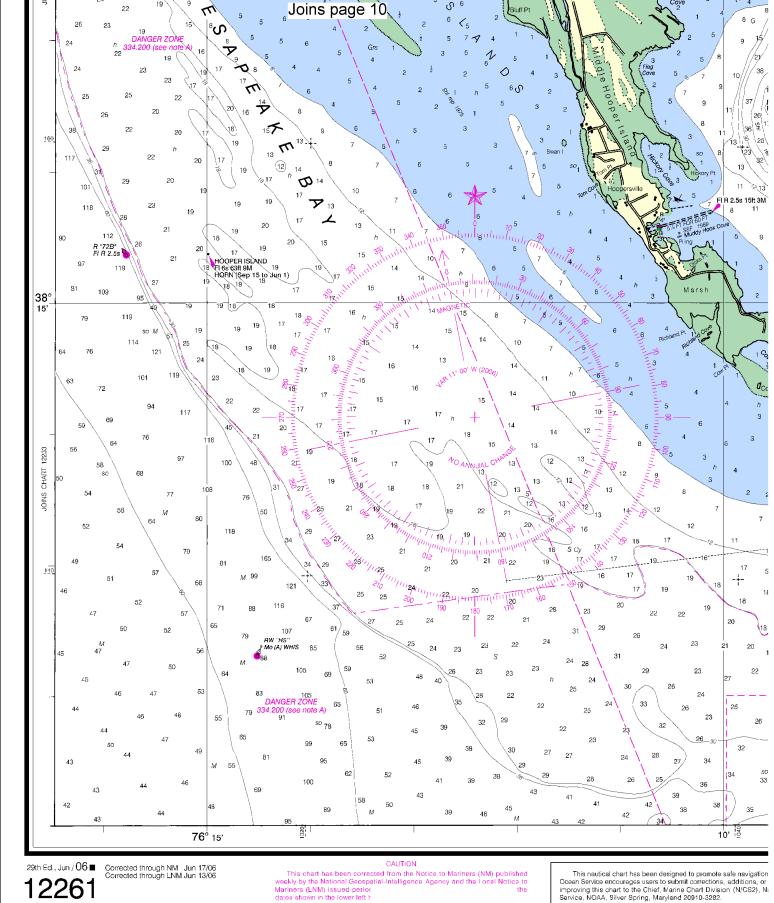










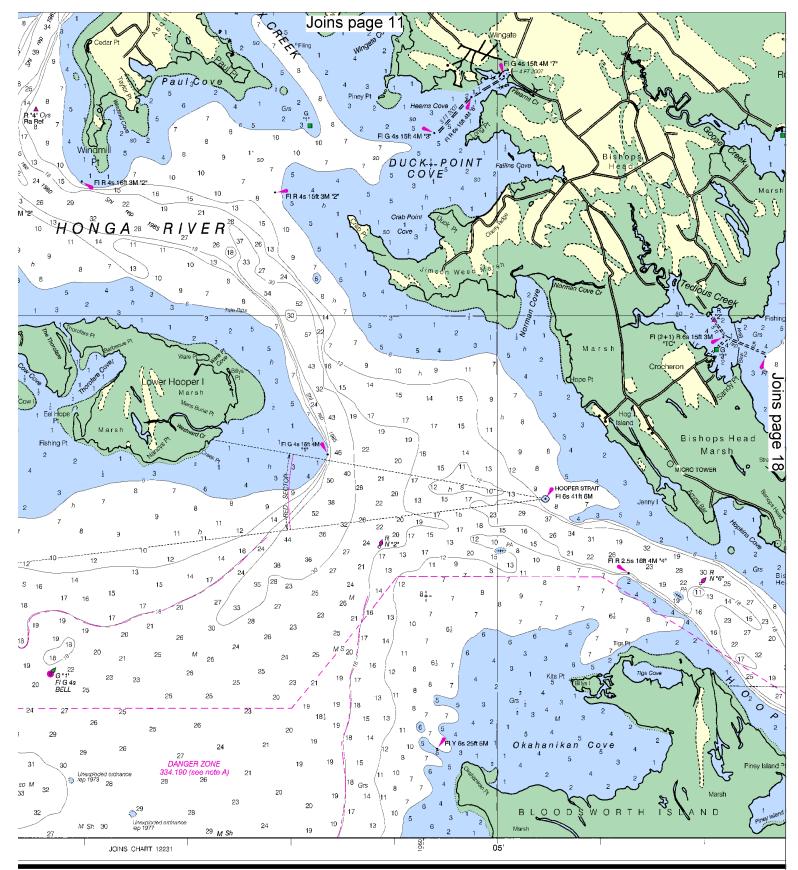


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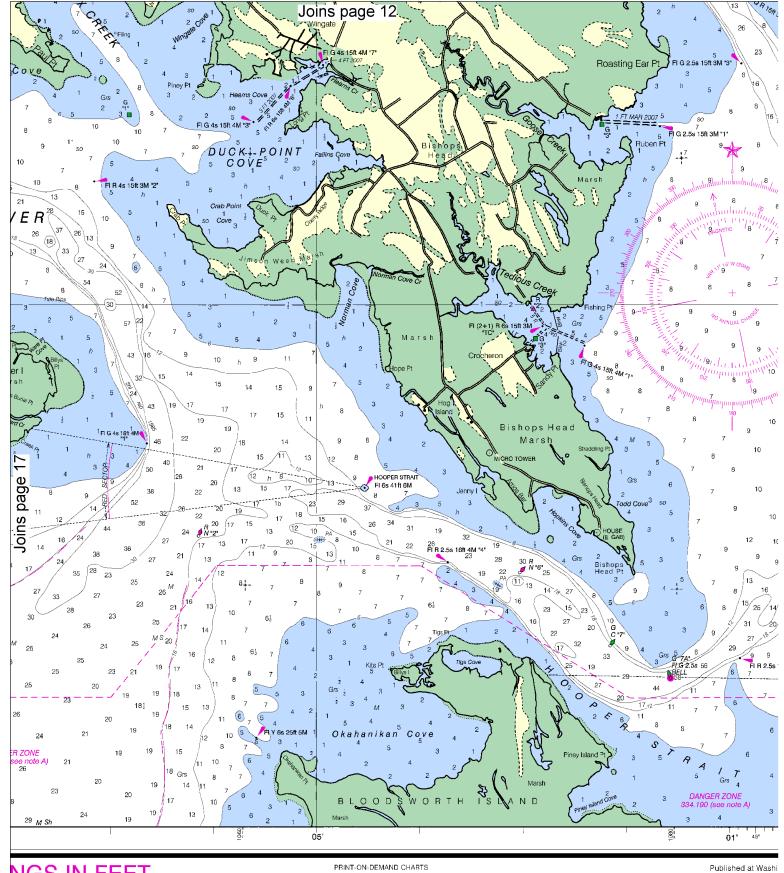




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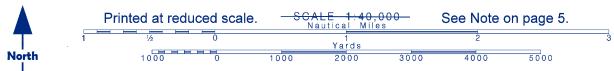
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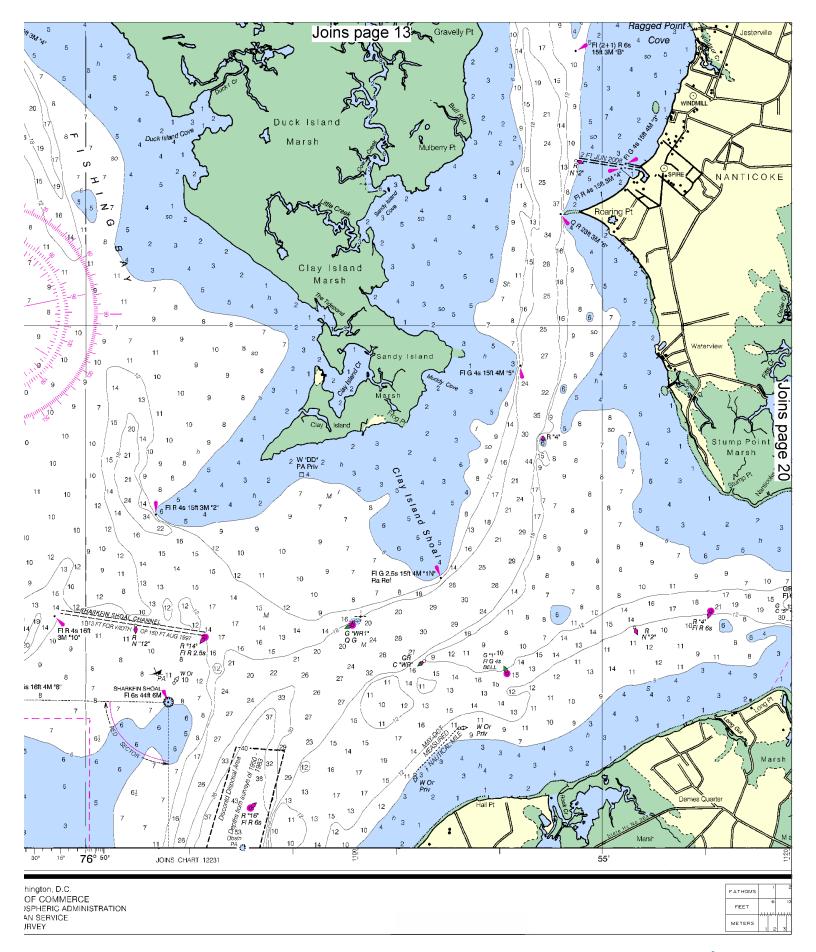
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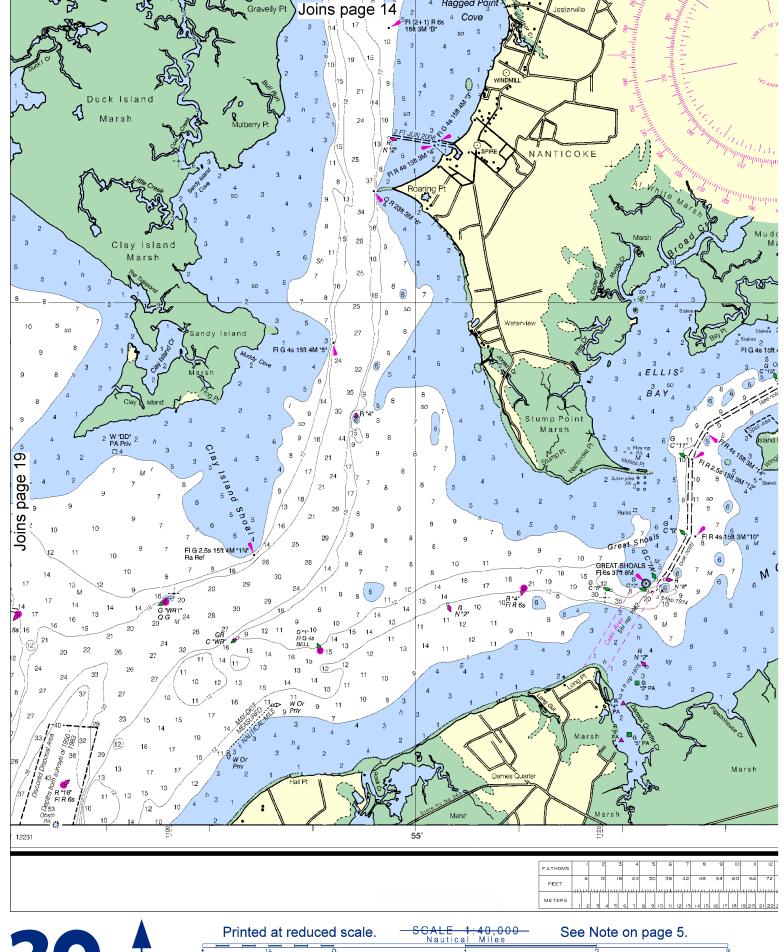


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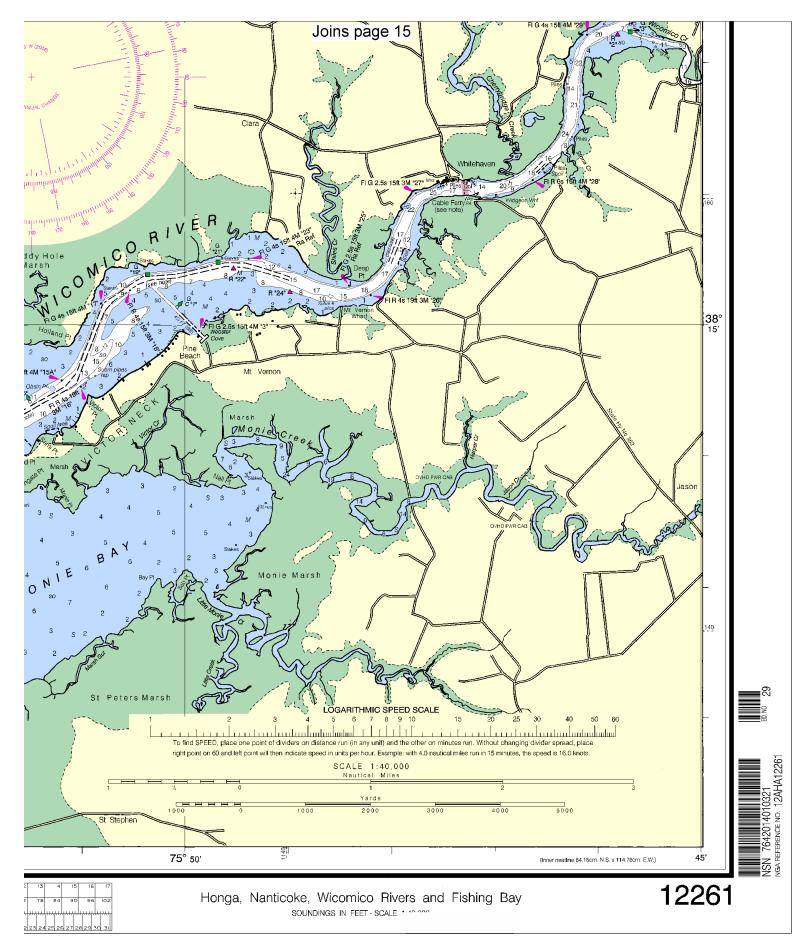
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- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

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